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Thanks be to the Almighty and Its
Creations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt' with a stylized flourish.

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[1]“Ang anumang
ipangalandakang
katwiran ng
tamang panig ay
parang isa lamang
paraan alang sa
masakit na
paglilinaw ng isip at
pagpapatingkad ng katotohanan ng
pagkagapi.”

– Domingo G. Landicho. *Anak ng Lupa*. (Manila :
Ateneo de Manila University Press, 1995), p.145.

[2]“Nakamata ang tao sa dilim. Walang mukha ang dilim. Wala rin itong tinig. Inaaninag ng tao ang bahagyang liwanag na nais habulin ng kanyang malay na parang mailap na balangaw kung umaambon. Nang musmos pa siya ay laging humahabol sa magaganda. Nasusugatan siya sa kanyang paghahabol sa nanunuksong tutubi, hanggang ang kanyang diwá ay tangayin ng parang baliw na pagnanasa at hindi niya maramdaman ang pagtimo ng

tinik ng oray o pagkapit sa kanyang damit ng bulaklak ng amorseko.”

– Domingo G. Landicho. *Anak ng Lupa*. (Manila : Ateneo de Manila University Press, 1995), p. 208.

[3] “Myths are approached in realistic spirits. When they are told formally, it is true, the accent is on the moral content. Say that a character stole and was punished for it, thieving is therefore unwise. But after listening to fireside conversations it can be concluded that the actions of these beings are often used as sanctions for behavior which can be anti-social. Thus a person who covers something

belong to a member of another village is as likely as not to ignore the hero's fate and to argue that, as stealing was apparently common in the past, there is no reason why one will not help itself."

—H. Ian Hogbin and John Middleton. *From Child to Adult: Studies in the Anthropology of Education*. (New York : The Natural City Press, 1970), p.158.

[4]"Social change can be measured in concrete terms, such as new type of houses, clothing, and amusements. Others can be in supplies of water and electricity, circulation of newspapers and sale of radio sets. Though most of these

developments are a result of education, many of them can be enjoyed by the illiterate and are a result of general economic improvements. It is modern education however, which is mainly responsible for the new middle classes in the towns, and for the vigorous women's groups in towns and rural areas. It is responsible too for the gradual splitting up of the former large joint families and patriarchal households, and for efforts on the part of younger educated women to bring up their

children on more modern lines. These new group and personal relations create tensions within the existing society and in some areas, such as big towns, by undermining the stability of family and household groups create new forms of insecurity.”

–John Middleton and Margaret Read. *From Child to Adult: Studies in the Anthropology of Education*. (New York : The Natural City Press, 1970), p. 286.

[5] “Parents should not be faulted for attempting to establish a cause or blame for problems which beset their children at school. It is normal for them to defend their children

and when possible, to exonerate them of all blame. Many parents seek to place the blame on homework, removing any stigma from their children. Some parents even point to other children as reasons for the poor performance of their own children. The wise teacher will attempt to develop a positive relationship with the students and their parents. Regardless of the degree of knowledge a teacher may possess, its ultimate effectiveness rest in sincerity, warmth, and

responsiveness. The teacher is more than a director of learning in the classroom. (S)he is also a public relations agent.”

– Robert Bibens and George Henderson. *Teachers Should Care : Social Perspectives of Teaching*. (Evanston, London, New York : Harper Row Publishers, 1970), pp. 114-115.

[6] “If the tourist is of an investigating turn of mind, (s)he might well explore the zone more thoroughly. He would visit cities in which he would find all that educational pilgrims from other states and from foreign lands. If (s)he were to linger long enough for

an adequate historical investigation, (s)he would commonly find that these superior school communities trace their excellence to the accident of a strong superintendent of schools long in office. Again, he would find much the same set of phenomena in every state.”

– Henry C Morrison. *School and Commonwealth: Addresses and Essays*. (Chicago, Illinois : The University of Chicago Press, 1937), p. 137.

[7] “No world picture however is everlasting. When the old world picture is challenged by a new

interpretation of reality, a period of confusion and uncertainty, a period of crisis will set in...It takes a long time before the new representations are really accepted and it takes much more time before all the implications contained and it takes much more time before all the implications contained in the new interpretation of reality are discovered.”

– Geraldine Browning, Joseph Alioto, Seymour Farber, N. Max Wildiers. *Teilhard de Chardin : In Quest of the Perfection of Man*. (New Jersey : Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 1973), p.67.

[8] “The polarization of two abstract goods, *liberty* and *authority*, is certainly one of the great dramas and dilemmas of our time.”

– Geraldine Browning, Joseph Alioto, Seymour Farber, Pearce Young. *Teilhard de Chardin : In Quest of the Perfection of Man*. (New Jersey : Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 1973), p.221.

[9] “There was a time when I wanted for a parent was to love properly. This was realized a few years ago that was never happened, but the wish still remains.”

– Daisy Goodwin. *Diva*. (New York : St. Martin's Press, 2023), p. 177.

[10] “We marvel at the Almighty’s ability to mend a broken bondages once again. But why does that surprise us? After all, It specializes in restoration. It can bring healing even when a situation appears beyond hope.”

– Grace Fox. *Peaceful Moments to Begin your Day*. (Parañaque : Lifebooks, 2015), p.248.

[11] “A man's best booster is his woman's respect.”

– Eugenio ‘Bo’ and Marowe Sanchez. *Better Lover : Create Lifelong Sexual Intimacy with Your Spouse.* (Quezon : Shepherd's Voice Publications, Inc., 2024), p. 74.

[12] What is needed for a good night sleep is a feel of security. We need to feel that some power greater than ourselves will take care of us until morning.

– Dale Carnegie. *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living.* (New Delhi : Rupa Publications India Ltd., 2016, 2023), p.180.

[13] “Ang daloy ng positibong enerhiya na kailangan ng isang bahay para sa malusog at mabuting pananaw ng nakatira. Ngayon lang nangyayari na lilipas ang magdamag na malayang makapaglalagos ang hangin sa bahay at nakadarama ng uri ng kasiyahan. Pero ito ay hindi lamang dala ng yin at yang kundi ng damdamin ng tagumpay...Sa pagkakataong sulit ang bahay ay parang sulit na rin ang daigdig.”

– Lualhati Bautista. *Desaparesidos*. (Mandaluyong : Anvil Publishing Inc., 2018), p. 109.

[14] “Proper nutrition is important for a brain to further develop and function fully.”

– Marnie Moya-Prudencio. *The Best Investment: Preparing Your Child's Body, Mind and Soul for Life's Adventures*. 2012, p. 30.

[15] “Being faithful means being reliable and steadfast, believing that the Almighty is in control of every situation... Self-control is the strength and ability to say *no* to temptations and sin.”

– Mary Loraine Tiongson-Ortiz. *Ikaw na ang Maganda : How to be Beautiful Inside and Out*. (Metro Manila : OMF Literature Inc., 2014), pp. 84-85.

[16] “Regardless of one's faith or being an atheist, it is wise to think

of room as if there was a mezuzah¹ on the door frame, entering mindfully and deliberately, and thinking about something other than oneself. It does not have to be God. It just to be Not All About You.”

– Euny Hong. *The Power of Nunchi : The Korean Sixth Sense for Winning Friends and Influencing People*. (New York : Penguin Books, 2019), p. 82.

[17] “God is one, indivisible, unique, and independent of all creations.”

– Nelson Dino, Baharudin Arus, Lokman Abdul Samad, Jul-Amin Ampang. *Suluk Ukkil on the Baring : Expressions, Motifs and Meanings*. (Kota Kinabalu, Sabah : University Malaysia Sabah, 2023), p 90.

¹ Mezuzah was considered a sacred object in Judaism. It is collection of scrolls from Tanakh, Talmud, Torah, or know as the Bible's Old Testament. This was keep as a decoration in a house door embodying divine protection and holiness of home.

[18] Social space is made up of a relatively dense fabric of networks and channels. This fabric is integral part of everyday.

– Henri Lefebvre. *Critique of Everyday Life Volume II: Foundations for a Sociology of the Everyday* (London, New York : Verso, 2002), p. 231.

[19] The family is the basic unit of society tasked with planning the lives of its members...The strength of the philosophy in life nurtured by the family substantially carves the individual's response to a changing world.

– Vivian A. Gonzales. *Values Integration and Promotion : A Civic Welfare Service. Society Towards Reinforcement*

Inherent Viability for Enrichment (STRIVE), Inc., 1997),
p. 103.

[20] “Marriage was allowed from the age of twelve as the person reached puberty.”

– Dorit Rabinyan. *Persian Brides*. Translated from Hebrew by Yael Lotan. (New York : George Bazillier, Inc., 1998), p. 161.

[21] “When our identities are no longer tied to what we do for a living, we are also freed up to love in a way we cannot when others represent, on the most primitive

level, competition, or even just frustrating interruptions.”

– Paula Huston. *The Holy Way : Practices for a Simple Life*. (Quezon : Jesuit Communications Foundation, Inc., 2005), p. 180.

[22] “...You are preserving your dignity by refusing to show your feelings. But there are moments when love ought to be undignified, extravagant, even violent. For make no mistake about it, only love can really alter this situation and indeed heal these dreadful wounds...”

– Iris Murdoch. *A Fairly Honourable Defeat*. (New York : The Viking Press, 1970), p. 174.

[23] “What is worthy is the possibility of love to be a pure deep affectionate mutual respect, a steady constant binding awareness... It is wise to find out how to be together, never to lose each other, without putting any foot wrong or spilling one drop of some brimming vessel if truth and history which was held between people.”

– Iris Murdoch. *The Sea, The Sea*. (New York : The Viking Press, 1978), p. 121.

[24] “Services may be delivered by people or by machines. They are consumed by the customer as they are produced by the server. A doctor treats a patient, a teacher helps a student, a lawyer counsels a client. A viewer sees a movie, a passenger rides a taxi, a caller uses the telephone line... Academic courses are taught with face-to-face contact between students and teachers or professors or they may be learned through distance education by using the internet or the e-mail system. Fast-food may be bought

dine one, to go, home delivered, or office delivered. Psychological counselling may be face-to-face or it may be by phone.”

– Solita A. Frias and Dr Cristina B Banastao. *Entrepreneurship*. (Manila : Unlimited Books Library Services & Publishing Inc., 2022), p. 53.

[25] “Narcissism is a trait from the dark consciousness which can lead to the rise of a destructive leadership.”

– Naveena Prakasam. *Leadership : A Diverse, Inclusive and Critical Approach*. (London, California : SAGE Publishing Ltd., 2023), p. 152.

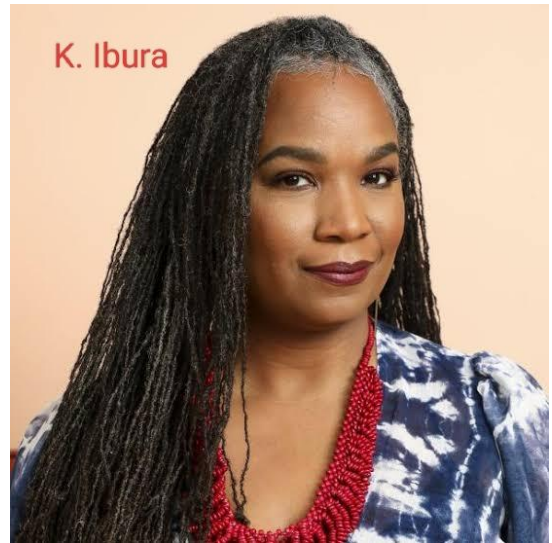
[26] “The possibility of agency, however, is itself tied to the idea of a particular subjective space – such a space defined largely in terms of certain capacities for action....Places can turn outwards to reveal other places, but they can likewise turn inwards to reveal their own character or the character of the subject who identifies with that place.”

– Jeff Malpas. *Place and Experience : A Philosophical Topography*. Second Edition. (London, New York : Routledge, 2018), pp. 108, 174.

[27] “Ideas, things, events, in the world can be related and organized in a variety of ways. Different individuals might take the same furniture and decorations in the same space and arrange them in many different ways, reflecting each person’s needs, ways of thinking, and aesthetic preferences. Or learners in a class may write widely differing essays about the same subject.”

– John Chaffee. *Thinking Critically* (Massachusetts : Cengage Learning, 2019), p. 340.

[28] If an apology did not work and something was not a gift, one is going to try again. And



one is going to keep trying everything one may think to show what link and friendship was worth of.

– K. Ibura. *When the World Turned Upside Down* (New York : Scholastic Press, 2021), p. 132.

[29] “Love is a gamble, the stake is the human heart. The lover holds its card close, lays them out one at a

time and watches each move of the other player. To whom do you go first? This is the *tell* of love. When a thing happens, be it good or bad, when you pick up the telephone or push through a crowd, who is it you most want to reach?...”



– Aminatta Forna. *Happiness*. (London, Oxford : Bloomsbury Publishing Plc., 2019), p. 302.

Aminatta Forna

[30] “The pioneering spirit of both planners and settlers gives rise to hope that the goal of an independent and prosperous national economy, based firmly on both agriculture and industry, will be attained.”

– Efraim Orni. *Forms of Settlement*. (Jerusalem : Maran Press, 1963), p 164.

[31] “The understanding that came from the *long shot* was that everyone is to have the courage to venture into new areas, to examine them in depth and to be receptive to

alternative viewpoints. Having acquired certain kinds of knowledge, thinkers are then able to see connections with their own skill. People gain understanding of their skills through understanding other skills...”

– Christer Hoberg, Bo Göranzon, Maria Hammaren, Richard Ennals. *Dialogue, Skill and Tacit Knowledge*. (West Sussex : John Wiley & Sons Ltd., 2006), p 118.

[32] “Healthy relationships respect each person’s right to privacy. It is not reasonable and not advisable to expect a partner to disclose every detail of their daily movements,

conversations, thoughts, feelings and so on. This can feel like living under constant surveillance and control. More importantly, allowing for privacy creates a way to let go of control and trust your partner to govern themselves in a way that will not cause harm...Jealousy has a terrible reputation, but it is natural human emotion and can serve a purpose, illuminating a path to understanding our values and needs.”

– Charles A. McKay. *Healthy Relationships : Your Questions Answered*. (California, Colorado : Greenwood, ABC-CLIO, 2023), pp. 63, 68.

[33] “Interleaving the activity with philosophical questions also helps to focus children’s attention and increase their concentration span. For instance, rather than reading a fairly long story and then at the end raising philosophical questions. It is better where possible, to read a part of the story after a short discussion. This breaks up the inquiry into smaller units and so stimulates interest by providing variety to the activities.”

– Berys Gaut and Morag Gaut, Sara Goering, Nicholas Shudak, Thomas E. Wartenberg. *Philosophy in Schools:*

An Introduction for Philosophers and Teachers. (London, New York : Routledge Taylor and Francis, 2013), p. 133.

[34] “A lack of proper religious education fuels the confusion between culture and religion. And unfortunately, the marginalized will fall under blind laws.”

– Azizah Al-Hibri, Nima Dahir, Rebecca Buxton, Lisa Whiting. *The Philosopher Queens : The Lives and Legacies of Philosophy's Unsung Women.* (London : Unbound, 2020), p. 179.

[35] “Breathing as understood in science is an exchange of gases between an organism and the

atmosphere. It is impossible without a true sharing between the inside and the outside.”

– Luce Irigaray and Michael Marder. *Through Vegetal Beings : Two Philosophical Perspectives* (New York : Columbia Press, 2016), p. 132.

[36] “There are relationships between science and religion. Science always trumps religion when there is conflict. Religion always trumps science when there is conflict. Science and religion operate in their separate and mutually exclusive realities. And, science and religion are concerned

with the same reality and are compatible and complementary.”

– Judith A. Boss. *Think : A Critical Thinking and Logic Skills for Everyday Life* (New York : McGraw-Hill, 2010), p. 376.

[37] “Finding and diffusing the bomb prevents many deaths and injuries. The harm of inflicting pain on the bomber, of denying its dignity, of violating its rights, is a small price to pay in comparison.”

– William Irwin, David Kyle Johnson, Dónal P. O’Mathúna. *Introducing Philosophy through Pop Culture : From Socrates to South Park, Hume to House* (West Sussex : Wiley Blackwell, 2010), p. 274.

[38] “Philosophers have a powerful vested interest in persuading themselves and others that the intuitions which [in]directly favor their position are stronger than they are.”

– Timothy Williamson. *The Philosophy of Philosophy*. Second Edition (New Jersey, West Sussex : John Wiley & Sons Ltd., 2022), p. 239.

[39] “Cyberbullying has to be reported both [to the school] and the app or social media platforms where it occurred. The offensive content has to be removed. If there are physical threats, a potential crime, or illegal [immoral] behavior,

it can be reported to the police...Peers and trusted adults can rally together to publicly try to end cyberbullying attacks. Public intervention includes encouraging other peers to post affirming comments about the bullied person in order to shift the online conversation in a positive direction...”

– Jesse Klein. *Bullying: A Reference Handbook*. (California, Colorado : ABC-CLIO, LLC), p. 138.

[40] “Good elementary schools obtain information about home

background of each child, visit the homes of children and seek the ideas of parents about needed changes in the school program. Elementary schools cannot continue to improve without interested, cooperative parents who take part in study groups, share information with teachers about the characteristics and needs of children, make teachers feel at home in the community and try to provide better living conditions in the community for all children. Through the establishment of

nursery schools and kindergartens, through parent-teacher associations and through the work of visiting teachers, the elementary school supplements and complements the work of parents in providing the best opportunities possible for children to learn and grow...

[40.1] There are many aspects of the problem of school and community relationships. To some it means the public-relations program of the school. To some it means that

teachers should become active members of the community. Others are interested in using community resources in the instructional program. And still, others think primarily in terms of finding useful community-improvement projects in which children can participate. Good elementary schools must be interested in all of these phases of the problem. Our aim at this setting is to call attention to the fact that one of the most effective non-school educative agencies is the life of the community...

[40.2] Oral and written language are important as well from the standpoint of the growth and development of the child. Language plays an important part in helping a child understand the world, work and play effectively with others and gain satisfaction through self-expression.”

– M N. Shivaprakasham. *Curriculum Development in Elementary Education*. (New Delhi : Rajat Publications, 2022), pp 73, 212.

[41] “A question reaches further than the local situation. It touches on what civilization itself will do with its heritage, and on what the individual sensibility will do with the rich gifts of the entire past. A poem's tone is such that it presents a

challenge and an ideal, both embedded in the passages just quoted...”

– M. L. Rosenthal and Sally M. Gall. *The Poetic Sequence: The Genius of Modern Poetry*. (Oxford, New York : Oxford University Press, 1983, 1986), p. 103.

[42] “Boredom does not impose annihilation on what it sees. But rather, it is undifferentiation between the status of being and non-being.”

– Jean-Luc Marion. *God Without Being*. Translated by Thomas A. Carlson. (Chicago, London : The University of Chicago Press, 1991, 2012), p. 119.

[43] “Because of the lack of patience, uncertainty creates incentives to value a certain present over an

uncertain future. (*A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush*).”

– Susan Hanna, Carl Folke, Karl-Göran Mäler, Åsa Jansson, Svein Jentoft. *Rights to Nature : Ecological, Economic, Cultural, and Political Principles of Institutions for the Environment*. (Washington DC, California : Island Press, 1996), p. 44.

[44] “As science is valuable then those of us who are not scientists have reason to support scientific work as taxpayers or benefactors. We have reason to study science and try to understand it. As science is valuable then this kind of study is worthwhile, even if our understanding will always be

highly imperfect. We have reason to respect science as an undertaking and to admire its achievements and those who make them.

– T. M. Scanlon. *What we Owe to Each Other*. (Cambridge, London : The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2000), p. 91.

[45] “We may not well require a myth quite in the sense of religion as we have known it. But it is worthy to consider to need some form of articulation if we are to grasp what it is that we mean by *God*...People learn to possess an

openness to such eventuality from one another.”

– John Cornwell, Michael McGhee, Daphne Hampson. *Philosophers and God: At the Frontiers of Faith and Reason*. London, New York : Continuum, 2009), pp. 71-72.

[46] “Being friendly is one way to be kind. You look friendly when you smile because your smile show others that you like them... Everyone needs help sometimes. Some older people need help with housework and gardening.”

– Kimberley Jane Pryor. *Kindness*. (New York : Marshall Cavendish Benchmark, 2009), pp. 18, 23.

[47] No strategy is ever constructed by a lone self. We are in networks of pre-existing meaning before we begin... The person with whom we allow ourselves to engage are our friends, lovers, comrades. Enemies may help us to yield meaning but that kind of meaning creation is probably most often reactionary rather than concertedly linked. In terms of opposition, commitment is not a question. One is committed to those whose social roles demand it.

– Alison Leigh Brown. *Subjects of Deceit : A Phenomenology of Lying*. (New York : State University of New York Press, 1998), p. 98.

[48] “Good may be imperfect like in satisfying limitedly the different powers of a human being. It may be *perfect* such as in fulfilling and making everlasting the totality of human being. As there is only one absolute last end, so there is one perfect Good. That is God... Prayer can be anywhere(church, school, room, work, play, etc.). It can be anytime. We usually pray right after walking up and before going to sleep. It is good practice to make an examination of conscience at the end of the day.”

– Corazon L. Cruz. *Contemporary Ethics*. (Manila : National Bookstore, Inc., 1993), pp. 56, 86.

[49] “Every undertaking unfolds in a human world and affects people. What distinguishes adventure from a simple game is that the adventurer does not limit itself from asserting one's existence in solitary fashion. (S)he asserts it in relationship to other existences. One has to declare oneself... The freedom of people are to be honored and needed to help them free themselves.”

– Simone de Beauvoir. *The Ethics of Ambiguity*. Translated from French by Bernard Frechtman. (New Jersey, New York : A Citadel Press Book, 1948, 1976), p. 60.

[50] “International trafficking will inevitably raise issues of immigration, but its victims cannot simply be treated as illegal immigrants, nor can the efforts to tackle it be reduced to stricter border controls...Despite the similarities between the organized trafficking of drugs, arms and humans, which may require comparable police tactics to

combat, we commit a grave injustice against the victims of human slavery if we reduce them in our mind to the status of commodities.”

– Aleksandar Mratikovic, Dan Piestun, Felecia Killings, Sandra El Hajj, Hazem Fouda, Fozia Parveen, Igor Krunic, Jovan Pehceviski, Tanjina Nur, Stephen, Michelle. *Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking*. (New York : 3G E-learning, 2022), p. 114.

[51] “An individual’s human development can be described in terms of key transitional events which have deep social and personal meaning. Transitional events initiate shifts in the

meaning or direction of life and require the individual to develop skills or use coping strategies to adapt to a novel situation. Transitions can be influenced by a variety of factors including one's stage of development, such as graduation from high school, historical events, including war, and others.”

– Helen Allan and Ginny Mounce. *The Transition to Parenthood after IVF : An Introduction for Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Visiting*. (London, New York : Routledge, 2024), p.56.

[52] “Gender is about sociocultural differences and self-understanding as it is important to recognize that the way someone understands their gender is just as valid as being assigned a gender at birth.”

– Helen Allan and Ginny Mounce. *The Transition to Parenthood after IVF : An Introduction for Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Visiting*. (London, New York : Routledge, 2024), p.88.

[53] “The moon hung low and heavy in the sky...And the night smelled of flowers opening in the hidden corners, turning white faces

to the light there was that was almost too bright for night.”

– Estrella D. Alfon. *Magnificence and Other Stories*. (Sta Mesa Boulevard : Regal Printing Co., 1960), p. 94.

[54] “There was a lovely place...The house stood in the sea, there was a porch around it. When one leans against the railing, the spindrift floated up to someone's face....

I was not afraid of what to do. But I was afraid of the aftermath, the injury, the sorrow, the taste of ashes upon the tongue.”

– Kerima Polotan. *The Hand of the Enemy* (University of the Philippine Press, 1998), pp. 135-136.

[55] “Diversity brings broader perspectives on many fronts, from expertise and work experience, to culture and connections.”

– Brian Tjemkes, Oli Mihalache, Martijn Van Der Kamp.
Transformative Strategies : Strategic Thinking in the Age of Globalization, Disruption, Collaboration and Responsibility.
(London, New York : Routledge, 2021), p.174.

[56] “A computer executes its programs by sending electrical current through a large number of chips, a casual process explained without reference to what a certain pattern of electrical flow might represent. The semantic properties

of machines states are relevant for explaining the functions that computer performs, but causally irrelevant to the production of its states.”

– Martha Brandt Bolton and Eric Watkins. *The Divine Order, The Human Order, and the Order of Nature : Historical Perspectives*. (New York : Oxford University Press, 2013), p. 180.

[57] “Another great blessing to have is the sense of being love and appreciated by people.”

– Fr Mateo Abanilla Sanchez SJ. *Balik Lantaw : Diary of a Jesuit Missionary*. (Quezon : Jesuit Communications Foundation, Inc., 2023), p. 54.

[58] “Be kind to yourself. Live with ease by letting go of what hurts you. Let go of the people who do not deserve a space in your mind. Stop thinking of the things you regretted doing. Do not hold on to your mistakes. They do not define you anyway.”

– Kim Derla. *Paghilom : Mga Tula at Sanaysay*. (Paranaque : Lifebooks, 2022), p.75.

[59] “Habitual associates are known to exercise a great influence over each other’s mind and manners. Those whose actions are for ever before our eyes, whose words are ever in our ears, will naturally lead us, albeit against our will, slowly, gradually, imperceptibly, perhaps, to act and speak as they do.”

– Anne Brontë. *Agnes Grey*. (New Delhi : Timeless Books, 2013), p. 114.

[60] “The players are the same. But the storyline has been revised.”

– David Frye. *Walls : A History of Civilization in Blood and Brick* (London, New York : Faber and Faber, Ltd, 2018), p. 234.

[61] It was not easy to be rich. That is, if anyone had so many things always, one might sometimes forget that everyone else was not fortunate. One who is rich should always be careful and try to remember.

Frances Hodgson Burnett. *Little Lord Fauntleroy*. (New Delhi : Timeless Books, 2013), p. 128.

[62] “Like everyone who have never known what it is to fall in love, one was sensible of a persistent yearning for something wholly undefined. There was nothing a person actually lacked, yet (s)he seemed lack everything.”

Ivan Turgenev. *Fathers and Sons*. (New Delhi : Timeless Books, 2013), p.110.

[63] “What was important was that a work is full of possibilities for a person.”

Claire Betita de Guzman. *Hué City*. (Singapore : Penguin Books, 2024), p. 266.

[64] “Beginnings are the hardest because they are the parts that pull people in, that make them want the ends. And the endings are the most painful, the parts that can leave you bleeding out.”

– Krista and Becca Ritchie. *Hothouse Flower*. (New York : Berkley Romance, 2023), p. 452.

[65] Careful. As one don't slow down and actually chew, (s)he is going to choke. And the others don't want to be responsible for something like that.

– Micol Ostow. *Riverdale : The Day Before*. (New York : Scholastic Inc, Archie Publication, 2019), p. 62.

[66] Love is s rebellious spirit that does not seek permission or ask for approval.

– Michael Faudet. *Cult of Two*. (Missouri : Andrews McMeel Publishing, 2019), p. 73.

[67] We want to be a protagonist of a story. That is the human orientation. But not every story is all about us.

– Melinda Bobis. *The Kindness of Birds*. (Mandaluyong : Anvil Publishing, 2021), p. 57.

[68] “How many people thus waste life away the prey of discontent,

who might have practiced as physicians, held a farm, led a shop...and have their own works.”

– Mary Wolfstonecraft and Sheila Delany. *Counter-Tradition : A Reader in the Literature of Dissent and Alternatives*. (London, New York : Basic Books, 1971), p.127.

[69] “Language, science, and art are all simply the results of a person’s uniting with its fellows socially to learn about oneself and the [outer] reality, in order to imposes desires upon it.”

– Christopher Claudwell and Sheila Delany. *Counter-Tradition : A Reader in the Literature of Dissent and Alternatives*. (London, New York : Basic Books, 1971), p 282.

[70] “Freedom brings all good... It is the same goal brought out in the same way. Science is the means by which a person learns what can be done towards [outer] reality. Art is the means by which a person learns what is *water to do*. It explores the essence of the human art.”

– Christopher Claudwell and Sheila Delany.
Counter-Tradition : A Reader in the Literature of Dissent and Alternatives. (London, New York : Basic Books, 1971), p 288.

[71] “Being resilient is important in that anyone who possessed the same may easily recuperate from whatever misfortune he had

experienced in life. One cannot avoid once in a life to become a victim of life's cruelty. What is important is the will to stand, remain composed and determined to live a new life, a life that is far better than the others...Our different beliefs and traditions must not prevent our common involvement in going against inhumanity and working for greater humanness...We do not consider ourselves better than others. But we trust that the older

wisdom of our beliefs can point the way for the future.”

– Lito and Karyl Peñaflor. *Values Education : Legal and Ethical Perspective*. (Manila : Unlimited Books Library Services and Publishing Inc., 2023), pp.33, 238.

[72] “The first thing that human beings has to know is that things are ever changeable but the laws that govern this change of things are not themselves changeable...As we could rid ourselves from the outlook of labeling things as [un]desirable, we are going beyond suffering, reach spiritual liberty, and peaceful bliss... Humanity

became greedy, cruel, and blood thirsty. [Yet], philosophies and religions taught that human beings have permanent soul or self and exhort them on the other to practice compassion, charity, and selflessness.”

– Christine Carmela R. Ramos, PhD. *Introduction to Philosophy*. (Manila : Rex Book Store, Inc., 2004), pp. 55, 85.

[73] “What standards and principles are we to guide our lives govern a society? How do we know that those standards and principles are right?”

– T. K. Seung. *Plato Rediscovered : Human Value and Social Order*. (London, Maryland : Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1996), p. 293.

[74] “A person hesitated. Because, in truth, a person do not want another to come at home(for example) when not ready. Unless the another want to see the person.”

– Julie Schumacher. *An Explanation for Chaos*. (New York : Soho Press, Inc., 1997), p. 94.

[75] “Hatred is love frustrated... Women are to end supporting men for the wrong reasons in the wrong sort of way, and thus cease causing

men to marry them for wrong reasons, too...Without wise mothers life become a folly, nasty, and unsatisfactory, and Sister Earth becomes a battlefield on which fathers slay their young and are themselves slain.”

– Ashley Montagu, John Haverstick, and others. *The Saturday Review Treasury and The Natural Superiority of Women*. (New York : Simon and Schuster, 1957), p. 476.

[76] “Virtue has to be egocentric by the sense that a lover of wisdom is so absorbed in its pursuit of wisdom that (s)he has to be oblivious of others.”

– T. K. Seung. *Plato Rediscovered : Human Value and Social Order*. (London, Maryland : Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1996), p. 74.

[77] “Utopias are often imagined in the distant future so that the necessary evolution of the culture seems plausible.”

– Christine Carmela R. Ramos, PhD. *Introduction to Philosophy*. (Manila : Rex Book Store, Inc., 2004), p. 250.

[78] “A focus may be fuzzy. It is at least a look at a world in flux and

motion, never wholly static.
Contoured and stereoscopic, never
flat, even as our own moving,
changing world.”

– Theodora Kroeber, Arthur M Eastman, And Others.
*The Norton Reader : An Anthology of Expository Prose and
Ishi.* (New York : W. W. Norton and Company, Inc.,
1969), p. 541.

[79] “As pornographic intention is
admitted or proved by testimony
and circumstances, there is no
problem. If doubtful, intention must
be tested by the intrinsic qualities
of the work.”

– Ernest van den Haag, Arthur M Eastman, And
Others. *The Norton Reader : An Anthology of Expository
Prose and Is Pornography a Cause of Crime?* (New York :
W. W. Norton and Company, Inc., 1969), p. 843.

[80] “It has been a great honor to work with noble people through the years. The professional feedback, for example, has allowed another person to mature as a leader. It is a great blessing as well to have know them in private. They have been a source of much strength and solace in my personal life. One is always grateful for the opportunity to know great people who will always be very special to Pathways and to a certain person.”

– Ma. Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, Antonette Palma-Angeles, Soledad Sylvia T. Nubla-Lee. *Defining Filipino Leadership : A Festschrift in Honor of Fr*

Bienvenido F. Nebres SJ. (Manila : Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2011), p. 218.

[81] “Everything we see or hear offensive to our feelings and derogatory to the human character should lead to other reflections than those of reproach. Even the beings who commit them have some claim to our consideration.”

– Thomas Paine and Sheila Delany. *Counter-Tradition : A Reader in the Literature of Dissent and Alternatives, Rights of Man.* (London, New York : Basic Books, 1971), p 112.

[82] “Understanding the human person and nature is not an end in

itself but a means to an end. The ultimate goal of knowledge is freedom from the world of tormented by decay, birth and death.

– Magdalena Alonso-Villaba, PhD. *Philosophy of the East*. (Manila : UST Publishing House, 1996), p. 92.

[83] “The company, like a class of children never understand. It is not a matter of severity or love. But it is devotion to the work at hand. Behind someone’s back, most will poke fun at a fellow’s unwillingness to show emotion even in

disagreements. It is simple...by remaining master of oneself, a fellow remain master of the company. This is all what (s)he need to remember. Without that first mastery, all other authority is quickly at an end.”

– Jim Shepard. *Nosferatu*. (New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 1998), p. 94.

[84] It's not the decision but how and when you make it that's important. There is [probably] a difference between *wanting* to do something and *having* to do it (to avoid some danger).

– Irvin D. Yalom. *Love's Executioner and Other Tales of Psychotherapy*. (New York : Basic Books, 1989, 1996), p. 208.

[85] “How we think and feel about a situation will determine what action we think and feel about a situation will determine what action we will take in other works, our will and volition now comes into play. We then will do something, a bodily response. Thus our soul works with our body and our body with our soul... Another example is that there are no problems between parents and

children and of what children will do when the parents neglect their duties... A loving child would even go against its parents' wishes to bring them great honor.”

– Dr Romero R. Javines. *Philosophy of Human Person with Selected Readings*. Revised Edition. (Manila : Educational Publishing House, Inc., 2009), pp. 65, 130.

[86] “Behavior that is both irrational and universal should also be more resistant to the distorting effects of cultural deprivation than more intellectual, individualistic behavior, and less likely influenced by the mind and other form of

reasoning... Commitment is the process of religion-making. The faithful consecrate their lives to the ideas that have been objectified and to the welfare of those who do the same. Human beings and animals with supernatural powers and a special relationship to the tribe fight, eat, and beget offspring. Their actions explain a little bit of how nature works and how tribes have favoured position on earth.”

– Edward O. Wilson. *On Human Nature*. (Massachusetts, London : Harvard University Press, 1978), p. 41, 188-189.

[87] “Serving God can be the same as serving the living.”

Albert Einstein. *The World as I See It*. Translated by Alan Harris. (New York : Kensington Publishing Corp., 1956, 1984, 2000), p. 91.

[88] “Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say... Communication is an art learned in moments of peace in order to be practiced in moments of difficulty.”

– Pope Francis. *The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia* §136, §234. (Vatican : Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Kentucky : The Dynamic Catholic Institute, Florida : Wellspring, 2015), pp. 104-105, 179.

[89] “A human person is too much a slave to its cultural environment to be wholly trusted in matters of some sort. Although we do not always know what we see, we tend to see what we know...A person needs its gods and its monsters. And the more remote and unapproachable they are, the better.”

– John Napier. *Bigfoot : The Yeti and the Sasquatch in Myth and Reality*. (New York : Dutton, 1973), pp. 19, 206.

[90] A parent might not be superstitious. But (s)he might insisted on belief that rice, sugar, and salt were the first items carried into a new house. [There might be

embodiment and representation to consider]. Rice guarantee an abundance of food, sugar for sweet life, salt add flavor to it. One might follow this example and carried this tradition through the years... Thanksgiving might be a favorite holiday because it is not merely about presents, but also in sharing special meals with family be it by birth or by friendships.

– Arnie Quibranza Mejia. *Writing Naked : A Memoir*. (Manila : University of Santo Tomas Publishing House, 2016), p. 61, 67.

[91] “The contradictory rendition of the hero is a result of our confused valuation of history...The world became egg-shaped inside of which was a chick, which means life... The shape of the world changed, and it became round and its hue yellow which

can mean as ripeness. An immeasurable period of time passed again. The world became bright because there was now a sun and a moon. And every beings returned.”

– Datu Tomas Ito and Macario D. Tiu. *Davao : Reconstructing History from Text and Memory*. Second Edition. (Davao : Ateneo de Davao University, 2021), pp. 275, 384.

[92] “Be willing to try out different ways, seeing which ones work best for us.”

– Janet E. Gardner. *Writing About Literature : A Portable Guide*. Second Edition. (Massachusetts, New York : Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2009), p. 33.

[93] “The eye is most prone to impression. All other senses are but complication. We love because of vision and we fail at that because we quickly recuperate with sense.

Sense? Mind is nowhere near that. When you really think about it, nothing else is more immediate... Genetics be damned. But love is senseless.”

– Joel M. Toledo. *Ruins and Reconstructions : Poems*. (Mandaluyong : Anvil Publishing, Inc., 2011), p. 72.

[94] “The value of small-change coins in the retail market can be quantified by the amount of goods and services which people bought or made available.”

Celestina P. Boncan. “The Copper Coinage of the Cabildo of Manila.” *Philippine Studies* Volume 33, Fourth Quarter 1985, 521-522.

[95] “Sessions and interactions which took place in every people possibly embodies a healthy growth of awareness and concern for content and ways.”

Florentino H. Hornedo. "The First National Philippine Studies Conference: 11-13 February 1958." *Philippine Studies Volume 33, Fourth Quarter 1985*, 529.

[96] "Desire can be satisfied by progressing towards transcending oneself, helped in this advance by love. Love provides an equilibrium or a constancy that desire which always projects itself towards the beyond, neglects or forgets, running, in this way, the risk of losing harmony, in oneself and in-between."

– Luce Irigaray. *Sharing the World*. (London, New York : Continuum, 2008), p.56.

[97] "Whenever human deeds yield the future, the idea of history as indefinite progress logically follows. But to render progress

acceptable, the new must justify itself before the authority of the past or invalidate that authority altogether.”

– Louis Dupre. *Passage to Modernity : An Essay in Hermeneutics of Nature and Culture*. (New Haven, London : Yale University Press, 1993), p. 152.

[98] “Images of darkness give rises to notions brought out the material limitations of composite beings to apprehend the pure Godly light.”

– Idit Dobbs-Weinstein. *Maimonides and St. Thomas on the Limits of Reason*. (New York : State University of New York Press, 1995), p. 95.

[99] “Medicine is a science. But its limits are well-defined. Say that the physician

who oversteps these limits will gain only scorn.”

– Sarah Stroumsa. *Maimonides in His World : Portrait of A Mediterranean Thinker*. (Princeton, Oxford : Princeton University Press, 2009), p. 137.

[100] “Beyond absurdity is imagination... Enlightenment is to erase or abhor non-rational vehicles. To split feeling and reasoning is not to divide people into rational or unreasonable groups but in paving way for polymaths and freethinkers.”

– Paul Ilie. *The Age of Minerva Volume I Counter-Rational Reason in the Eighteenth Century, Goya and the Paradigm of Unreason in Western Europe*. (Philadelphia : University of Pennsylvania Press, 1995), pp. 71, 180.

[101] “The most honorable victory is that won by patience...Give a lion the respect it deserves. Careful not to stir it to justify anger against another...There are some who build temples with shining marble. There are some who build monasteries at magnificent expense.”

– Erika Rummel. *Erasmus on Women*. (Toronto, Buffalo, London : University of Toronto Press, 1996), pp. 123, 210.

[102] “Without a community of others a human being cannot be happy. This is true initially for reasons of mere utility. Human beings rely upon communal deed with others for the preservation of

life... Virtue is complete as it serves the human community.”

– Friedo Ricken. *Philosophy of the Ancients* §202. Translated from German by Eric Watkins. (London, Notre Dame : University of Notre Dame Press, 1991), p. 178.

[103] “Living a love while refusing it is a very strange business.”

– Simone de Beauvoir. *The Mandarins*. Chapter Eight. (Cleveland, New York : The World Publishing Company, 1956), p. 423.

[104] “Computer can only become human-like if it is endowed with typically human traits.”

– Miroslav Kubat. *Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence : Problem Solving and Automated Reasoning*. (Chicago, New York : McGraw Hill, 2023), p. 286.

[105] “The education of our nations’ children requires teamwork between parents and educators, with teachers assuming a leading role... The school system is not dedicated to generating revenues or profits. However, it is wise to use revenue in strengthening education outcomes which are high and improving over time.”

– Jim Dueck. *Accountable Schools : Succeeding Today in the Competitive Marketplace*. (Lanham, London : Rowman and Littlefield, 2019), pp. 105, 125.

[106] For the sustenance of life on earth, water waste and soil components of the environment need to be managed.

– Pratibha Gautam, Vineet Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Maddala Rama Krishna, Shailaja Srinivasan, Gangagni Rao Anupoju. *Solid Waste Treatment Technologies: Challenges and Perspectives* (London, New York : CRC Press), p. 224.

[107] “Stereotype threat can be reduced by exposing people from stigmatized groups to narratives from other members of one’s group who initially felt ill at ease, but then later became comfortable and successful.”

– Katrina Hutchison, Fiona Jenkins, Jennifer Saul. *Women in Philosophy: What Needs to Change?* (Oxford, New York : Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 51-52.

[108] “Why walk out and leave a home being built together?... Why massage justice with bribes?”...

– Ngugi wa Thiong’o. *Wizard of the Crow*. (New York : Pantheon Books, 2006), pp. 429-430.

[109] “Maintain a sense of humor... Spend time with friends and family... Develop a healthy activity... Find a place to live which has culture of self-care... Self-care helps someone focus.”

– Dr Mariano Ariola, Kristine Wong, Dr Susan Kraus Whitbourne. *Understanding the Self*. (Manila : Unlimited Books Library Services & Publishing, Inc., 2018), pp. 183-184.

[110] “Science and faith work very well together. Science tells us about

the world as it is and will be. Faith informs our inquiries about why. Science keeps faith from superstition and faith helps make us human....² The Holy Writ of Jesus Christ teaches us two things about facing crises. The *first* is to prepare for unexpected times ahead, having a plan of deed to mend both spiritual and physical needs. The *second* is to use our resources to help the neighbors, the marginalized, and the vulnerable.”

– Mitch Hescox and Paul Douglas. *Caring for Creation : The Evangelical's Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy*

² This was credited to John Abraham.

Environment. (Minnesota : Bethany House, 2016), pp. 97, 150-151.

[111] “One of challenges in life is to find and walk the narrow path between oppositions... No easy judgments can be made.”

– Karen Brock, Rosemary McGee, Robert Chambers. *Knowing Poverty : Critical Reflections on Participatory Research and Policy*. (London, VA : Earthscan Publications Ltd., 2002), p. 152.

[112] “Knowing that one ought to pursue the truth does not *entail* that one is motivated to do it... To believe that truth is good, one does

not have to believe it is some sort of weird motivational tractor-beam.”

– Michael P. Lynch. *True to Life : Why Truth Matters*. (Cambridge, London : The MIT Press, 2004, 2005), p. 95.

[113] “Intuition is a [part of] skill. When we examine concepts in greater depth, we will certainly see that they have been divided into new concepts that describe the ability to see problems in projects, to gather essential information to make cost estimates, yielding a good system architecture, and so forth.”

– Bo Göranzon, Maria Hammarén, Richard Ennals, Christer Hoberg. *Dialogue, Skill and Tacit Knowledge*.

(New Jersey, California : John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., 2006),
p. 125.

[114] “How do we both question and respect authority?”

– Sara Goering, Nicholas J Shudak, Thomas E. Wattenberg, Kirsten Jacobson. *Philosophy in Schools : An Introduction for Philosophers and Teachers*. (London, New York : Routledge, 2013), p. 247.

[115] “Feelings of pleasure arising from love are caused by God.”

– Sara Hutton. *British Philosophy in the Seventeenth Century*. (Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2015), p. 215.

[116] “Our life is so poor that its good must be allocated frugally.”

– Arthur Schopenhauer. *Parerga and Paralipomena* Volume I §427. Translated and Edited by Sabine Roehr and Christopher Janaway. (Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2014, 2016), p 352.

[117] “Such a surprise it is for a slothful person who have been struck by luck and still able to gain five hundred money by shaking its hands and intoning spurious prayer. One had to admit it was a slick operation.”

– Fumiko Hayashi. *Floating Clouds*. Translated by Lane Dunlop. (New York, Chichester : Columbia University Press, 2006), p. 204.

[118] “Teachers go through movements with grace and ease as they flow from one activity to

another, from one student to another. The students are likely engaged in group works, punctuated by direction and management from the teachers. Learning and growing needs of both the individuals and the group seem to flow easily into one another. Frustrations, issues and concerns are handled with respect for all involved. A deeply existential, meaningful level of interactions is achieved.”

– Philipp B. B. Moheno. *Educating Our 21st Century Adventurers*. (Lanham, New York, London : University Press of America Inc., 1996), p. 58.

[119] “Literature could be called philosophizing by making and experimenting with language.”

– Paul Goodman. *Speaking and Language : Defence of Poetry*. (New York : Random House, 1971), p. 160.

[120] “Discipline does not buy plane tickets. Passion does not cover visa fees. Love for music [or whatever it is] does not turn into corporate sponsorships, no matter how many heartfelt pleas are offered.”

– Arjay Ivan R. Gorospe. “The Price of Pinoy Pride.” *Philippine Daily Inquirer* March 8, 2025, A5

[121] “The positive thing about the sceptic is that s/he considers everything possible.”

– Erich von Däniken. *Chariots of Gods*. Effone Electronic Press, 1969, p. 136.

[122] “The meaning of a word is a kind of employment of it... For it is what we learn when the word is incorporated into our language.”

– Ludwig Wittgenstein. *On Certainty* §61. Translated and Edited by G. E. M. Anscombe, G. H. von Wright, Denis Paul. Massachusetts, Oxford, Victoria : Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 1969, 1975.

[123] “Does not testing come to an end?.. The difficulty is to realize the groundlessness of our believing.”

– Ludwig Wittgenstein. *On Certainty* §164, §166. Translated and Edited by G. E. M. Anscombe, G. H. von Wright, Denis Paul. (Massachusetts, Oxford, Victoria : Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 1969, 1975), p. 24.

[124] “Prayer is not about transaction. It is about starting the day right.”

– Kamila Shamsie. *Home Fire*. (London : Bloomsbury Publishing Plc., 2018), p. 70.

[125] “It is correct to say that when we think about a thing we think about it as having certain properties. But why should one go on to say that to think about a thing

must always involve thinking about some *other* thing as well? [125.1] Does thinking about the other thing then involve thinking about some third thing, for example? Or can we think about one thing in relation to a second thing without thereby thinking of a third thing? And as we can, then why can we not think of one thing – of one thing as having certain properties, without thereby relating it to another thing?

– Roderick Chisholm, Ernest Sosa, Jaegwon Kim, Jeremy Fantl, Matthew McGrath. *Epistemology : An Anthology*. Second Edition. (Massachusetts, Oxford, Victoria : Blackwell Publishing Ltd, 2008), p. 89.

[126] “Analogy is not an argument. It is considered in the sense that the role it plays is to suggest ideas, which then have to stand on their own feet.”

– Susan Haack, Ernest Sosa, Jaegwon Kim, Jeremy Fantl, Matthew McGrath. *Epistemology : An Anthology*. Second Edition. (Massachusetts, Oxford, Victoria : Blackwell Publishing Ltd, 2008), p. 139.

[127] “We never can stay in this losing of the worlds. We can only paint them with the colors of our design in varied harmonies. Those we have painted thus will glow in the sense darkness of the lost world

which can be the everything of our life's usefulness.”

– Maria Corazon Buenafe. *Lanao Boy : A Life, The Writings of Manuel E. Buenafe* (1916-1963). (Marawi : Mindanao State University, Iligan : Ivory Printing and Publishing House, 2007), p.163.

[128] “Snobbery in the arts is reverse snobbery.”

Stephen Burt. *Close Calls with Nonsense : Reading New Poetry*. (Minnesota : Graywolf Press, 2009), p. 357.

[129] “Basin mahubó sa unggoy ang iyang sapot ginama sa panit sa unggoy. Basin ang tinuod nga pagkatawo ani prinsipe o prinsesa.”³ (Perhaps the ape will

³ The language used is Cebuano and Filipino.

strip its clothe which is indeed reveal as a real prince[ss]).

– Dr Erlinda M Burton, Marcelino Panes, Jay Rey G Alovera. (Cagayan de Oro : Xavier University Press, 2011), p. 22.

[130] “Thank you. Mas maluwag ang dibdib ko ngayon.”

– Ricky Lee. *Si Amapola sa 65 na Kabanata*. (Quezon : Philippine Writers Studio Foundations, Inc., 2011), p. 134.

[131] “*On Drawing*. Drawing is not about whether one know how to do it or not. It is about expressing thoughts in a visual form.”

– Alma R Hoffmann and Denys Mishunov. *Sketching as Design Thinking*. (Oxon, New York : 2020), p. 109.

[132] “Humanity was taken beyond ‘bare life’ and the imperative of pure survival. Self-overcoming and overcoming the *animal within* become common features of our coming into social being.”

– Tony Fry. *Becoming Human by Design*. (London, New York : Berg, 2012), p. 85.

[133] “Creative responsibility is devotion to Being itself. It is service of the Infinite in and through the finite, humanity's part in God's own work of promoting and expanding Its presence among people. Its root is the Love that made the world and

is ever restless to better it... Love in all its subtleties is nothing more and nothing less...”

– Robert O. Johann. *Building the Human*. (New York : Herder and Herder, 1968), pp. 67, 105.

[134] “A small mistake and wrongdoing destroyed the worth of a person's numerous good deeds toward others.” [*Why must one consider this? Us this correct and uttered out of love?*]

– Sofailah L. Latip-Panggaga. and Dr Arlene Yandug. *Kinaadman(Wisdom) : A Journal of the Southern Philippines*. Volume XLV, 2023-2024, (Cagayan de Oro : Xavier University, 2024), p. 47.

[135] “Beggars begged in Churches. Lovers loved in them... The Church embraced body as well as soul within its peace. Fugitives spent the night in Churches, animals wandered in as freely as in the barn where Jesus Christ was born or were even led in for a blessing. The wise old Church duly anointed witches and did its best to recall straying spouses.”

– Donald Culross Peattie. *Immortal Village*. (Chicago : University of Chicago Press, 1945), p. 108.

[136] “Emotions and imagination gives someone a closest contact

with other portion of its own reality... Imagination brings into connection with different kind of truth... Thoughts are real as they turn into physical actions, of course.”

– Jane Roberts. *The Nature of the Psyche : Its Human Expression*. (New Jersey : Princeton-Hall Inc., 1979), p. 120.

[137] “Life is like a pizza. Wanting the good bits have to deal with bad bits as well.”

– Richard Templar. *The Rules of Life : A Personal Code for Living a Better, Happier, More Successful Kind of Life*. Second Edition. (Harlow, London : Pearson, 2011), p. 82.

[138] “Poems hide and reveal at the same time. But one could easily be

misled by the image used to hide
what will be eventually revealed...
Part of art is disguise.”

– Joycie Y. Dorado Alegre, Arlene Yandug, Shane Carreon. *Kinaadman (Wisdom): A Journal of the Southern Philippines*. Volume XLIV. (Cagayan de Oro : Xavier University, 2023), p. 132.

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